Minneapolis-Hennepin Recycling and Drop-off Center

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The City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County are proposing to develop the property at 340 27th Avenue NE in Minneapolis to establish the Minneapolis-Hennepin Recycling and Drop-off Center. The center would provide a convenient location for Minneapolis residents to properly dispose of household hazardous waste and recyclable materials.

Providing for the safe and proper disposal of household hazardous waste will protect our air, land, water and health.

About the center

What types of materials will be accepted and how will they be handled?

Residents will be able to drop off items that they use to take care of their homes, lawns and cars, as well as appliances, batteries, electronics and other common household items. Many of these items do not belong in the trash.

The center will be fully enclosed and secure. All drop-off, handling, sorting, packaging and temporary storage will be

Minneapolis-Hennepin Recycling and Drop-off Center concept plan

done inside. The center will have a Free Product Area where residents can pick up reusable paint, automotive products, cleaners and other products.

Only residents will be able to drop off household hazardous wastes at the center. We will not take hazardous wastes from businesses or any garbage.

Will the center have an impact on traffic?

In 2010, an independent traffic study concluded that the proposed project would result in traffic and safety levels that are equivalent to or better than the existing conditions.

The center is anticipated to have about 85 visitors per day, which is fewer than the 350 visitors that go to the Northeast Library every day.

How will the center meet sustainability standards?

To meet sustainability standards, the city and county will follow guidelines for design, construction and operation outlined by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and the Minnesota Sustainable Design Guidelines.

How was the site selected?

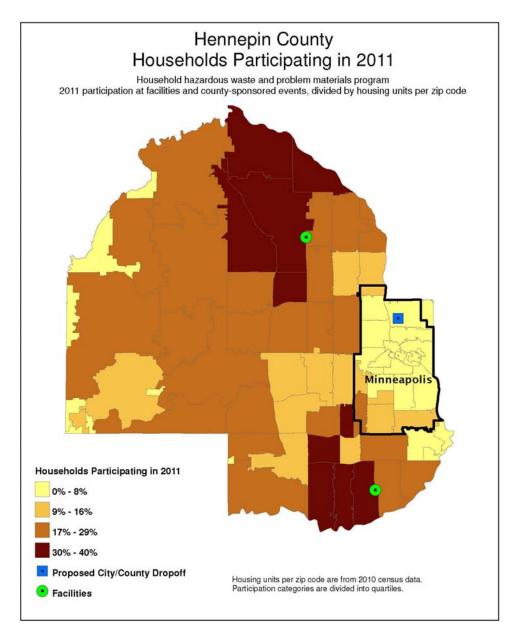
The city conducted extensive searches for suitable properties for this facility. Sites were evaluated based on zoning, size, shape, access, and other criteria.

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Why is a drop-off center needed in Minneapolis?

Compared to other areas of Hennepin County, Minneapolis has a low participation rate in the county's existing household hazardous waste disposal programs. The current options to participate include using two drop-off facilities located outside of the city and seasonal collection events held within the city. Minneapolis has 33% of the county's population but represents just 12% of participation at the drop-off facilities.

Minneapolis residents are not using the drop-off facilities and events because they are inconvenient. Participation data from the county's program shows that having a center nearby would significantly increase participation.



Hennepin County **Drop-off Facilities**

The county operates two drop-off facilities, located in Brooklyn Park and Bloomington.

The facilities have operated for more than 20 years without a single environmental incident.

South Hennepin Recycling and Problem Waste Dropoff Center in Bloomington



- On average, 185
 vehicles go through the
 facility every day.
- The average time spent at the facility, including check in and unloading of materials, is two and a half minutes.
- The average age of participants is 55.
- The majority of visitors come from within a 6 mile radius of the facility.
- In 2010, 54,000
 reusable items were
 picked up from the free
 product area.

